

when it was invited to participate under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Adopted by 10 votes to 1 (United States of America), with 4 abstentions (France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

At its 2784th meeting on 18 January 1988, the Council decided to invite the representative of Mauritania to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2788th meeting, on 29 January 1988, the Council proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/19445)".²

Resolution 609 (1988) **of 29 January 1988**

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 501 (1982) of 25 February 1982, 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982, 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982 and 520 (1982) of 17 September 1982, as well as all its resolutions on the situation in Lebanon,

Having studied the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon of 22 January 1988,¹¹ and taking note of observations expressed therein,

Taking note of the letter dated 20 January 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,¹²

Responding to the request of the Government of Lebanon,

1. *Decides* to extend the present mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period of six months, that is, until 31 July 1988;

2. *Reiterates* its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the terms of reference and general guidelines of the Force as stated in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1978,¹³ approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to co-operate fully with the Force for the full implementation of its mandate;

4. *Reiterates* that the Force should fully implement its mandate as defined in resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and all other relevant resolutions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned on the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the Security Council thereon.

Adopted unanimously at the 2788th meeting.

Decisions

In a letter dated 30 March 1988,¹⁴ the Secretary-General informed the Security Council that the Commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, Major-General Gustav Hägglund of Finland, was being recalled by his Government to assume a new command and that it was his intention, subject to the usual consultations, to appoint Major-General Lars-Eric Wahlgren of Sweden as the new Commander of the Force, effective 1 July. In a letter dated 20 April 1988,¹⁵ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 30 March 1988¹⁴ concerning your intention to appoint Major-General Lars-Eric Wahlgren of Sweden as new commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They considered the matter in informal consultations held on 20 April and agreed with the proposal contained in your letter."

At its 2811th meeting, on 6 May 1988, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: letter dated 5 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19861)".¹⁶

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, at the request of the representative of Algeria,¹⁷ extend an invitation to Mr. Clovis Maksoud under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2813th meeting, on 9 May 1988, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Bahrain, Qatar and Somalia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

¹¹ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1988*, document S/19445.

¹² *Ibid.*, document S/19440.

¹³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1978*, document S/12611.

¹⁴ S/19808.

¹⁵ S/19809.

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1988*.

¹⁷ Document S/19867, incorporated in the record of the 2811th meeting.